

DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA

WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 7 %

For the week ending July 28, 2007, growers placed 11.7 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 6.6% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.7 million) increased 1.6% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, a decrease of 0.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending July 21, 2007 compared to 11.0 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
06/02/2007	13,944	14,289	11,300	11,846	11,301	11,938
06/09/2007	13,911	14,342	11,469	11,820	11,471	11,912
06/16/2007	13,947	14,327	11,605	11,810	11,605	11,900
06/23/2007	14,112	14,334	11,558	11,889	11,561	12,305
06/30/2007	13,722	13,559	11,585	11,931	11,585	12,023
07/07/2007	13,966	14,059	11,513	11,973	12,506	11,974
07/14/2007	14,090	14,219	11,620	11,950	12,447	11,950
07/21/2007	13,889	14,125	11,348	11,316	12,481	11,411
07/28/2007	14,118	14,037	11,518	11,707	12,539	11,707

- 1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.
* Revised.

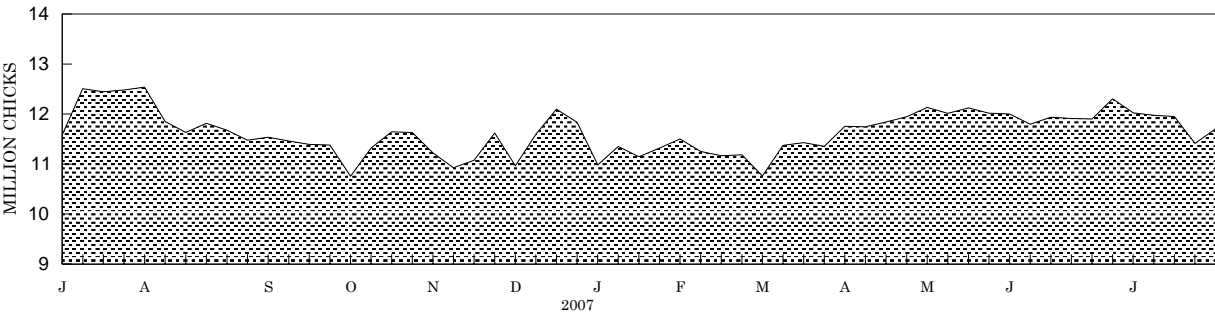
NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 08/04/2007	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	77.27	80.67	82.50	64.79
12-City Composite 2/	78.62	80.51	80.60	67.93

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

BROILERS PLACED IN DELMARVA

July 2006 - July 2007



Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 23 2007	Jun 30 2007	Jul 7 2007	Jul 14 2007	Jul 21 2007	Jul 28 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,953	*31,229	*31,096	*32,071	*32,197	32,835
AR	27,925	*27,263	27,843	*28,071	*27,830	28,036
DE	4,218	4,217	4,216	4,188	4,188	4,188
FL	1,364	1,343	1,374	1,369	1,343	1,344
GA	35,116	34,758	*36,271	36,290	35,812	35,613
KY	7,894	7,027	*7,669	7,845	7,784	7,787
LA	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,954
MD	8,907	8,354	8,649	8,852	8,778	8,673
MS	19,059	18,499	18,891	18,701	18,741	18,666
NC	19,620	18,952	*19,210	19,937	19,686	19,703
OK	6,746	6,302	6,659	6,701	6,796	6,657
PA	4,294	3,944	4,053	*4,200	*4,161	4,167
SC	5,565	5,559	5,385	5,722	5,747	5,451
TX	15,294	14,194	15,170	15,364	15,302	15,157
VA	6,419	6,077	6,388	6,374	6,175	6,313
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,421	19,053	19,583	19,387	*19,360	19,768
19 State Total	216,718	*210,694	*216,380	*218,995	*217,823	218,312
Previous Year Total	210,971	208,219	211,044	213,579	214,110	214,549
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	103	103	102	102

* Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 28, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 23 2007	Jun 30 2007	Jul 7 2007	Jul 14 2007	Jul 21 2007	Jul 28 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,521	20,699	20,932	20,795	*21,346	20,535
AR	24,857	25,529	24,578	25,377	*22,879	23,136
DE	5,264	5,166	5,185	5,171	*5,124	5,184
FL	1,464	1,414	1,540	1,367	1,478	1,511
GA	29,735	30,456	29,527	29,406	28,662	30,435
KY	6,249	6,327	6,289	6,244	5,555	6,340
LA	3,825	3,771	3,954	3,897	3,927	3,891
MD	6,398	5,737	6,192	6,017	*5,606	6,169
MS	17,436	17,255	17,307	17,579	*16,544	16,845
NC	15,797	16,228	16,057	16,226	15,895	15,873
OK	4,803	5,355	4,837	4,526	*5,133	4,922
PA	3,020	3,060	3,067	*3,108	*2,944	3,072
SC	5,494	4,740	4,414	4,464	4,690	4,392
TX	12,994	13,006	12,948	12,929	11,845	12,789
VA	5,236	5,688	4,952	5,262	4,971	4,721
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,246	16,508	17,519	17,367	*16,610	17,504
19 State Total	181,339	180,939	179,298	*179,735	*173,209	177,319
Previous Year Total	175,252	176,711	173,487	173,852	171,142	173,121
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	103	101	102

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 28, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through July 28, 2007 were 5.30 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.